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SUBJECT: VIP VISIT: FORMER PRESIDENT AND MRS.

RICHARD M. NIXON: COURTESIES TO PROTOCOL

CHIEF CHU

REF: PEKING 231, PEKING 250

1. PEKING 231 REPORTED THAT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL CHU CHUAN-HSIEN WILL HEAD THREE-MAN PARTY ACCOMPANYING FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON TO CHINA ABOARD CAAC AIRCRAFT. CHU NOT ONLY WILL BE AMONG HIGHEST-RANKING CHINESE TO HAVE VISITED US ON BUSINESS UNRELATED TO PRCLO AND UN, BUT HE ALSO HAS PLAYED MAJOR AND VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN VISITS TO CHINA BY THE SECRETARY AND THE PRESIDENT.

2. WHATEVER POSTURE WE ADOPT IN RESPECT TO OTHER ASPECTS OF VISIT OF FORMER PRESIDENT, WE BELIEVE THAT COURTESIES APPROPRIATE TO CHU'S POSITION AND ROLE IN US-PRC RELATIONS SHOULD BE ACCORDED HIM BY DEPARTMENT ON HIS ARRIVAL AND WHILE HE IS IN UNITED STATES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMING US AS SOON AS DECISIONS ON HANDLING CHU'S VISIT ARE MADE SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THEM IN MIND DURING ANY CONTACTS WITH CHINESE HERE.

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